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It is not often that Hawaii gets six days' fresh world news from Australia, but the thing happened yesterday.

There are 14,000 unregistered Chinese on this island instead of 1,000, as the types made the Advertiser say yesterday.

The mule car syndicate can't make any headway in Congress by paying milk bills. At least it can't now that Pettigrew is away.

Shriner weather was bad when the early pilgrimage came, but the outlook now is for enough typical Hawaiian climate to thoroughly warm the desert sands.

Of the women on the ill-fated Rio but three were saved. In the struggle for existence, there as elsewhere, the weaker went to the wall. There is no chivalry in a panic.

The favorable reports taken back to the Coast by returning financiers ought to be the means of adding to the repute of Hawaiian values in other markets than those of California.

The police are greatly troubled with Japanese vagrants. If a few score of these fellows were committed to the stonepile when occasion warranted, the streets would be the better for it and in the long run the resources of plantation labor might be improved.

The Boers seem to be on the point of giving up the war. Kitchener's harsh measures, taken against the Boer sympathizers, seem to have turned the hearts of the civilians in the Transvaal and Orange colonies towards peace at any price. This in turn has kept the fighting farmers from getting much aid, either in men, ammunition or food, from the working farmers.

The tax bill, requiring the payment of two per cent on all salaries or incomes in excess of \$1,000, differs materially from the Federal bill passed in Cleveland's time so far as the minimum basis of income is concerned. Under that instrument a person in receipt of less than \$4,000 per annum went free. The local minimum of \$1,000 would make the tax fall too heavily on weak shoulders.

Whatever the Legislature may do for the Tramway will doubtless be turned down by Congress. It would be no trouble to send Washington a memorial against the franchise bid of the absentee corporation, with the names of nearly every property owner in Honolulu attached. That would do the business for Pain, assuming that he and his employers would have the ghost of a show in any event.

Australia is preparing for a burst of imperialism over the coming of the heir apparent to the British throne. The visit of the Duke of Cornwall and York was long ago planned by Mr. Chamberlain as a part of his scheme of imperial federation. It is hoped that the Australians will be so dazzled with their first view of royalty that they cannot resist the overtures made in its name. As the Duke will go from Australia to Canada, there may be a chance of his visiting Honolulu as did his uncle, the late Duke of Edinburgh, many years ago.

If the Japanese legation at Washington wants to lobby for the payment of Hawaiian fire claims why does it not do so where it is accredited? That legation has no standing in Hawaii; it is an agency that must deal with the Federal Government alone. To send one of its representatives into a Territory of the Union to lobby for legislative aid is an act which merits prompt and vigorous rebuke. If Japan has an official complaint to make about Hawaii let it deal with Washington and leave Washington to deal with us. Its pressure here is scarcely less than an impertinence.

Francis Murphy was not long in getting to work when he reached New Zealand and the papers there report good prospects for him. Many years ago one of his converts, "Dick" Booth, who had been a barber at Ithaca, N. Y., roused all Australia with a blue ribbon crusade, and going thence to London, won thousands of converts there. Since then a new generation has grown up in the antipodes and Mr. Murphy will have a fresh audience to hear his appeal. It would not be surprising if, as a result of his labors, the South Sea commonwealths should have an enthusiastic temperance revival.

Some enterprising photographer, with one of those old-fashioned galleries on wheels, might make a big bag of coin by traveling among the Chinese of Honolulu and Oahu and taking their pictures for registration. As things are now arranged the Chinese complain of the price for photographs and of the number they must order; while others, particularly day laborers, who are "docked" for lost time, and small-footed women who never leave home, do not want to visit a big gallery and wait their turn. Consequently 14,000 Chinese remain unregistered and unphotographed, yet all must sooner or later conform to the law.

Native Hawaiian members of the Legislature want very much to aid their districts in acquiring public works, and some of them ask for large appropriations. Their only chance to get these favors, in the present state of Hawaiian finances, is to see that the treasury is not emptied beforehand to meet extraordinary expenses, such as unadjudicated fire claims, royal pensions and the like. The Home Rule program calls for more money than the aggregate of taxes can supply; and it is not yet decided whether some of the new schemes for revenue, notably the income tax law, would prove constitutional. The Legislature will do better by those who elected it and by the public generally if it restrains its impulse to remove money from the treasury in large blocks to satisfy private claimants. The general public, which pays the taxes, should have the first benefit of their expenditure.

NEWS OF WORLD  
CONDENSED

King Edward VII will visit Ireland next year.

The German warship Moewe has left Sydney for New Britain.

One white child has died of plague at Capetown. Three others are suffering.

Chinese losses in the recent fight westward of Paoingfu included three hundred killed.

M. McDonald broke the Australian plunging record at Sydney, covering 65 feet 7 1/2 inches.

The Yale, Lick and Coburg observatories all report the new star as diminishing in brilliancy.

The British regular army is to be increased to over 300,000. The cavalry will be armed with rifles.

The Chamber of Deputies has adopted a bill providing for death duties ranging from 1 to 18 1/2 per cent.

Li Hung Chang states that Chang Yuh-sien has now been punished in accordance with Ministers' demands.

H. M. S. Porpoise has left Sydney for Portsmouth. She will be replaced by the Phoebe, now en route to Sydney.

The Queen Victoria Memorial Committee decided that the memorial shall be of a personal and monumental character.

Four hundred Welsh Fusiliers, stationed at Hong Kong, have been ordered to Peking to relieve the Australian contingents.

The foreign ministers consistently ignored the Empress Dowager throughout the negotiations, recognizing the Emperor, alone.

A cable has been received announcing the death in London of Mr. James Huddart, the founder of the Canadian-Australian line.

The legislative assembly of Newfoundland has extended the modus vivendi with regard to the French shore until December.

Prisoners admit that Botha has received a crushing blow. He, with 2,000 men, is retreating north in the direction of Koomati Poort.

Over thirty thousand people witnessed the proclamation of the king and the review of the troops by Governor Tennison, at Adelaide.

The Wesleyan Conference at Sydney passed resolutions in favor of the consummation of Methodist union next year by 16 votes to 10.

It is stated that Rougemont, of "World" fame, is in Melbourne, and contemplates a lecturing tour throughout Australia.

Fresh opposition is being shown to the Jesuits in Spain and Portugal, owing to the detention of several nuns in the convents of the order.

Several German 15-pounder quick-firers supplied to Aldershot, proved defective, and half the guns have been returned to Woolwich disabled.

The London county council is maturing a scheme for housing 40,000 people at a cost of £1,500,000. The weekly rentals of tenants will range from 6s to 9s 6d.

The British War Office is raising from the infantry reserve battalions a regiment solely for garrison duty in the Mediterranean and other non-tropical stations.

The Duke of Connaught has been made first and principal Knight of the Grand Cross, and Great Master of the Order of the Bath, in succession to the Duke of Wales.

Mr. McDonald, found not guilty at Sydney, on the ground of insanity, of the charge of murdering his infant, Alexandria, has been ordered to be detained during the Governor's pleasure.

Mr. Conger, the American minister at Peking, has been granted sixty days' leave. Mr. W. W. Rockhill, the American special commissioner, will take Mr. Conger's place, continuing the peace negotiations.

It is estimated that the Boers lost a thousand men killed, wounded and prisoners during January, over 200 dead being actually counted. The losses in February up to the present are estimated at 800.

Ogaden Somalis, on February 19, attacked the British zambos at Sannasa, in the East Africa protectorate. They were repulsed, losing 150 men. The British had 17 killed, including Colonel P. J. Maitland, of the Indian staff.

In the House of Commons, a bill introduced by Mr. J. Yoxall, member for Northampton West, providing for an eight-hour day for miners, was read a second time by 212 to 199 votes. Sixty-five Nationalists supported the measure.

The Germans have begun to transfer to the British the Peking-Shanhai-Kwan Railway. The British have resumed control of the Peking-Tientsin section. The question of the cost of repairs to the line has been reserved for diplomatic settlement.

In the House of Lords Lord Salisbury, at Baron Avesbury's suggestion, consented to the appointment of a committee to inquire into the hours of labor in shops, though he repudiated responsibility for accepting the decisions of the committee.

The imperial government has awarded the widow of Lieutenant Greve, belonging to the New South Wales forces, who was killed at Enderburg in February last year, while attached to the Royal Highlanders, a pension of £80 a year, with a compassionate allowance of £15 yearly for each of the

children, and gratuities aggregating £160.

The New Zealand parliament is further prorogued till April 18th.

The new railway viaduct over the Mangatera, near Dannevirke, N. Z., has been commenced.

The New Zealand government have decided that May 24 shall continue to be observed as a public holiday.

The extension of the railway from Waiotu to Hukerenui, New Zealand, was opened for traffic on March 1.

The Union Company's steamer Moana will take up the Warrimoo's running in the Vancouver-Australia trade.

The Wellington Friendly Societies' Council have decided to convene a colonial conference of friendly societies to be held in Wellington six months hence.

It is stated that the New Zealand government has decided to acquire the Mangatoro Estate, in the Dannevirke district, from the Assets Realization Board.

The imperial government supports a proclamation issued by Lord Kitchener prohibiting the circulation of newspapers and books calculated to encourage the Boers in continuing resistance.

The first batch of twenty prisoners from the Auckland prison, with their officers, have left for Waiotu, to commence the forest tree planting in that portion of the thermal springs district.

The Wellington Trades Council selected three members to give evidence before the Federation Commission, with instructions to oppose strongly the entrance of New Zealand into the commonwealth.

The United States transport Abanda flew Old Guard at the main and fore trucks on February 22, in honor of the anniversary of the birth of George Washington. The Stars and Stripes were also flown by H. M. S. Archer, now at Auckland, out of compliment to the American cousins.

The English operators employed at St. Pierre and Miquelon, Newfoundland, in connection with the French cables, have been notified that they must take the oath of allegiance to France or leave.

The notification has caused much surprise, since the stations are neither a naval nor military base.

The New Zealand Minister of Public Works has given instructions to survey the country between Inangahua Junction and Reefton, with a view to extension of the Midland Railway to the latter town, so as to join the projected line between Westport and Inangahua Junction.

The New Zealand Railway Department has been advised that the balance of the carriages (48) manufactured to its order by the American Car and Foundry Company, at Jeffersonville, Indiana, are on board the steamer Royalist, which left San Francisco for New Zealand on the 1st of February.

Wellington (New Zealand) City Council, with three dissentients, resolved that steps be taken to abolish the ward system in connection with the municipality. The council has resolved to ask the ratepayers for authority to borrow £50,000 for the purpose of erecting a town hall, in accordance with Mr. J. Charlesworth's design.

Mr. Barton, the federal premier of Australia, speaking at Toowoomba, said the policy of the federal government would be to terminate the importation of kanakas at the end of a term of years. The last time the Queensland government dealt with the matter, importation was fixed to continue for ten years. That term expires next year. He advocated a gradual abolition of the importation of kanakas by the end of another ten years.

A whirlwind was experienced at Kautimu, New Zealand, a few days ago. It lifted the cyanide sheds at the Great Mercury as though they were constructed of paper, and spread the material about the country. One log, about sixteen feet long, and fully sixty pounds in weight, was lifted and carried about forty yards, over the tops of houses, and sheets of corrugated iron were crumpled and twisted to such an extent as to be useless.

A committee of the Invercargill (New Zealand) Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, February 23, drew attention to the fact that on the Australian messages the new rates for cablegrams of over eight words, are higher than the old rates. It was resolved: "That this matter be laid before the Postmaster General, with a request that he will endeavor to obtain a lower rate, failing which, that the government consider the propriety of laying a colonial cable. The premier, speaking at a banquet to the imperial officers, said the time was ripe for asking the imperial authorities to strengthen the Australasian squadron. New Zealand would have to lead the way in this as in other projects, and if extra contributions were required, the colony would willingly pay them. He repeated a former statement that he did not approve of a standing army in New Zealand, but he would strengthen the volunteer system.

His Excellency Dr. Solf, Governor of the German colony of Samoa, arrived in Auckland on February 13 by the S. S. Manapouri on a brief holiday trip. In the course of an interview with a Star representative Dr. Solf, in reply to a question, said that all was working smoothly among the islands. The opposing sides were living in amity, and there seemed to be no difficulties between them. The inhabitants appeared to be contented with German rule, but he experienced difficulty with regard to labor, the natives being very lazy. Trade was flourishing.

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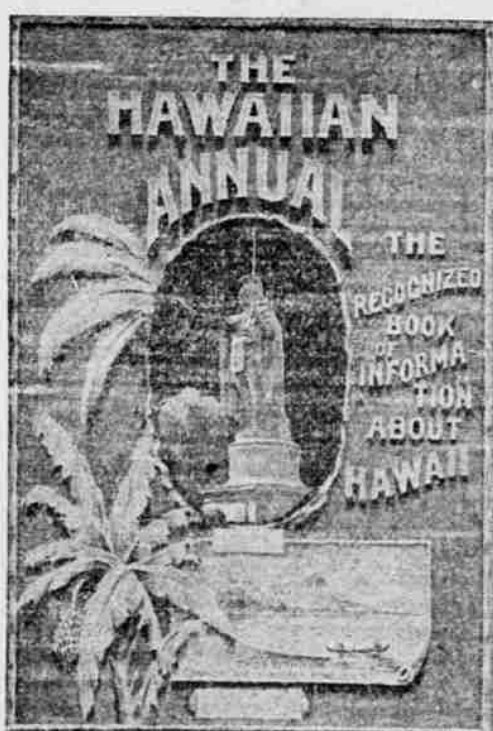
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